





# OPINION

## BRAINSTORMS

There was another bomb explosion of some sort Tuesday in South Africa. The last we heard, there was very little information being released on this one. It is our hope that Slick Willie doesn't launch another bombing attack as he continues the struggle to repair his image. It is not even clear that the factory in the Sudan was a good military target. It might be that the U.S. had some incorrect information. That would be terrible. Anyway, a South African radical Moslem group has reportedly claimed responsibility for a bomb that killed a woman, and injured dozens more, in Cape Town's popular Planet Hollywood restaurant on Tuesday, saying it was in retaliation for U.S. attacks in Sudan and Afghanistan.

High school football begins this week. Elba will travel to Brantley on Thursday night... note we wrote Thursday night. A number of people have questioned the reason for this, and we are sure there is one, but we don't have that answer. Suggestion... go to the game and there is almost a guarantee that at least a half dozen people of authority will be there with the correct answer.

We are writing this just before going to the meeting on the "buy-out" plan. Judging by the phone calls coming into our office, there will be people other than those listed as part of the Phase I group and they will be wanting answers. We will not have the correct answers, unfortunately, but will suffer with them through all this.

Last week we had pictures of a good bit of flash flooding around Elba. Not the four to 12 feet high stuff that moves folks out of their homes and businesses, but enough to scare a lot of us Elba folks. It is encouraging this week to see City of Elba crews are working on clearing up some of these bottlenecks and hopefully eliminating this ongoing problem. If we get to feeling real sorry for ourself, that is the time to be thankful we not among the many millions of Chinese who have lost their homes in the current flooding of that very highly populated country.

We don't pretend to understand movie making folks. There was a story in the Montgomery Advertiser this week about making a movie about Selma, AL over in Georgia. Of course Selma folks would like for the movie to be shot there, but "it doesn't look right" to the movie makers. Of course what goes around, comes around. We recently read about a movie being made in Alabama and it was about New Orleans. One of the decision makers said the reason was that the Alabama site "looked more like the New Orleans they were portraying." As we said at the beginning, we don't understand those folks.

Politics does make for strange bedfellows. We have heard that for years, and at no time is it more true than in the ongoing race for Governor of Alabama. Republican Fob James has gotten the endorsement of a lifelong Democratic power broker in the legislature - House Speaker Jimmy Clark of Eufaula. Clark is retiring from political office in January, so he is not worried about offending voters, but it was a surprise in this corner to hear him publicly sign on with Fob. Then there is former Lt. Governor Jere Beasley, also a Democrat... and a very visible trial lawyer, also endorsing Fob, who has vowed to pass tort reform. With Beasley disliking tort reform and Democrat candidate Don Siegelman opposing tort reform as he presided over the Senate for the last four years, us voters down here in the branchheads are left to guess at what all this means! Maybe by the time we vote in November, some Alabamians will have figured out what all this means to us as individual citizens.

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## Remedial/developmental education in two-year colleges

by Dr. Fred Gainous,  
Chancellor Alabama Department  
of Post-Secondary Education

Each term, Alabama's two year colleges offer remedial/developmental courses to about 8,000 of their 88,000 students. Most of these courses are in reading, English, and mathematics. The purpose of remedial/developmental education is to assist students in achieving college-level skills and competencies so they can succeed in accomplishing their educational goals. Virtually all community colleges in the nation offer remedial/developmental assistance. The mission and goals of public two-year colleges reflect the needs of the communities they serve. When people in the community need assistance to achieve college-level skills and competencies, two-year colleges meet that need. It is vital to the welfare of our state that they do so.

Eighty percent of the new jobs available in the next decade will require a minimum of two years of postsecondary education. Eighty-

five percent of all jobs will require skilled workers or professionals. Seventy-five percent of the people working today will still be in the workforce in the next decade and will require continuous, higher level training in order to advance. Our society, nationally and locally, cannot thrive in the new economy unless we make postsecondary education and training accessible to the broadest possible range of citizens, including those who require remedial/developmental assistance.

Students attending two-year colleges today are more career oriented than ever. More than 70 percent of two-year college students in a recent sample indicate that their educational goal is to improve job skills, prepare for a career change, prepare to enter the job market, or decide on a career. More and more adults are returning to two-year colleges to change and/or improve their job skills and competencies. In today's increasingly automated and technical workplace, workers who graduated from high school only a few years ago are likely to require reme-

dial/developmental assistance. Such workers are returning to two-year colleges in huge numbers across the nation. Two-year colleges often partner with businesses to provide such training. If we do not provide remedial/developmental assistance to these students, our workforce cannot compete in the global economy. Postsecondary education is the key to competitiveness. We cannot fail to assist students in achieving the skills they need to assure our collective economic future.

It is inaccurate to associate remedial/developmental education with recent high school graduates, and, therefore, to view it as a "K-12 problem." The average age of today's two-year college student, both nationally and in Alabama, is 29. Two-thirds of remedial/developmental students in Alabama's two-year colleges are not recent high school graduates. Most entered the workforce several years ago and are returning to improve their skills in order to secure a better job, or a better position in the job they already have. Many support families and pay taxes as they attend classes. Many pay for their educational improvement efforts without outside financial assistance.

Nationally, 60 percent of remedial/developmental students at two-year colleges do not receive the financial aid available to traditional students. These working adult students are a far cry from those associated with the K-12 educational effort. As adults, they require educational assistance designed for adults: postsecondary education.

Most two-year college students who need assistance receive an average of one to one and a half hours of remedial/developmental instruction a day, and complete their remedial/developmental work by the end of the first term. Two-thirds of two-

year college students successfully complete their remedial/developmental work. Those who complete their remedial/developmental work are as successful academically as students who do not require remedial/developmental assistance. Over 75 percent of two-year college students who receive remedial/developmental assistance remain in school through the first year, earning a grade point average of "C" or better.

What does it cost the taxpayers of Alabama to provide remedial/developmental assistance to two-year college students? It costs each citizen of Alabama only \$1.49 per year to provide remedial/developmental assistance to those who are attempting to secure new jobs or to advance in jobs they already have. This translates to a cost to each household in Alabama of only \$4.20 per year to help ensure that each citizen has remedial/developmental education, a quality workforce for the state and training opportunities for all citizens. Weigh this against the cost of the growing number of dependent citizens, and the cost of a growing underclass, produced by increasing poverty, drugs, unemployment and a breakdown in family life. The only way to ensure continued growth and prosperity is to ensure that all Americans possess the skills they need to build productive careers. A growing number of economists indicate that the widening income gap between rich and poor will ultimately hold back the entire economy. The only solution to these problems is to assist individuals to become independent and self sufficient through training and educational opportunities. Two-year college remedial/developmental programs are essential to that process. In the final analysis, remedial/developmental education is a bargain.

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

August 18 thru August 24, 1998

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of August 18, 1998, through August 24, 1998. They were: William Edwards, Betty Sue Wambles, Andrea Wicker, William Richardson, Emily Twilley, W. B. Baldwin, Laura Stokes, Neil Clemmons, Stephen Goodwin, and Gabriel Head.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Rita Sondergaard, Noah Hodge, William Edwards, Charles Lee, Andrea Wicker, Betty Sue Wambles, Emily Twilley, and Gabriel Head.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 20 -** River stage - 3.71 feet (6:24 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Reese Avenue (8:07 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Elba Villas (11:21 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 21 -** Disturbance reported on Guyton Street (2:00 a.m.); River stage - 3.53 feet (6:11 a.m.); Alarm at the Peoples Bank on Hickman Avenue (7:33 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the Senior Citizens Center in New Brockton (10:40 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to a fire in Morrow Village (3:00 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Forest Lake Drive (3:44 p.m.); Rescue run to Evan Smith's residence in Friendship Community (4:42 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to assist rescue squad on above run (4:48 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 125N (11:16 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 -** River stage - 3.32 feet (6:42 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the old school building located in the Pine Level Community (7:38 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a house fire at the intersection of Martin Luther King Drive and Reynolds Street (8:50 p.m.); Rescue dispatched to above fire (8:57 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 -** Rescue run to the Victoria Community (4:14 a.m.); River stage - 3.14 feet (6:13 a.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported in Beaver Dam Apartments (12:26 p.m.).

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## Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,  
Re: Religious Freedom Amendment

Thomas Jefferson would have smiled with favor upon the congressmen who voted against the Religious Freedom Amendment. He would have realized that the RFA promotes religious tyranny, not religious freedom. The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution preserves religious liberty for everyone. Under the RFA, only the majority faith has any religious freedom.

Religious freedom under the First Amendment unites us as one, though of many faiths. The RFA divides us according to our faith. The First Amendment encourages mutual respect for one another. Religious freedom under the RFA creates an "us versus them" mentality, breeds intolerance and encourages militant imposition of religious views of the majority faith upon others.

Religious freedom must be guaranteed to everyone, or it is guaranteed to no one. If a follower of minority faith can be deprived of his or her religious freedom today, there is nothing to stop you or me from being deprived of ours tomorrow. If religious freedom doesn't protect us all, it means nothing.

The Virginia in which Jefferson lived had an established religion, and Jefferson saw restrictions on the religious freedom of those who did not belong to the state church. The establishment of religion in Virginia was brought to an end by the Virginia Assembly's adoption of Jefferson's Statute for Establishing Religious Freedom, the forerunner of the First Amendment.

Jefferson's letter to the Danbury Baptist Association, written while he was President, recites the first Amendment and then states that it built "a wall of separation between church and state." The background issue promoting correspondence by the Danbury Baptists was a religious tax imposed on all Connecticut citizens, including Baptists and other minority faiths, to support the state's established church. It was clearly Jefferson's desire that the religious freedom granted all citizens under the First Amendment would eventually be granted them under state law. His dreams finally came to fruition more than a century later. The RFA would now destroy Jefferson's dream and turn religious freedom back to its eighteenth century status.

While the RFA expressly prohibits establishment of an official religion by any state, it allows the majority faith in any state to force prayer, religious ceremony and traditions upon minority faiths that may go to the very brink of official establishment. In southern states, the majority would be the Southern Baptists, in Utah, the Mormons, and in Hawaii, the Buddhists. The RFA prohibition of discrimination

against "religion" is meaningless, being expressly limited to discrimination against religion in general and not against a particular faith.

In summary, the First Amendment promotes liberty and justice for all. The RFA's bias toward majority rule - might makes right - gives minority faiths second class status.

By seeking government assistance to support its faith, the Religious Right admits the church has failed its calling. Now it wants the government to carry out its mission. So Robertson, Reed, Dobson and Bauer stand clamoring for their entitlements - a Washington hand-out instead of a Godly hand up. How ludicrous of them!

Jefferson's experience taught him that government neutrality toward religion is the best policy. The Religious Right, and the congressmen it dominates, have learned neither the lessons from Jefferson's day nor the recent lessons from Ireland, Iran, Iraq and Nazi Germany.

When will they ever learn? When will they ever learn?

Yours very truly,  
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Dear Editor,

We have a great deal of freedom in America. A major part of this freedom is that to choose our government officials. Sadly, though, in the past this privilege has been abused. Although the subject is not readily talked about, voter fraud affects each and every one of us, as well as the people we vote into power.

Alabama history tells us that oftentimes elections have been decided by a difference of 100,000, 900 or even 200 votes. Because of this, just a few fraudulent votes can cancel out thousands of honest ones in any type of statewide election. For this reason, the Alabama Republican Party has made a major effort in 1998 to call on the Alabama legislature to pass a Voter ID Bill.

This bill would require voters to present a valid picture ID on Election Day before voting, as well as require equal representation of both Democrats and Republicans serving as polling officials at every precinct. This resolution will be the very first bill proposed at the 1999 legislative session.

The Republican Party will not tolerate voter fraud because it con-

tributes to a government voted in office through lies and deception. I applaud Fob James for working to make this issue a priority. This just seems to be one more reason why Alabama needs more Fob.

/s/ **ROGER MCCONNELL**  
Chairman, Alabama Republican Party

Dear Editor,

While signing a school prayer bill, James repeatedly used strong curse words to declare that the bill was not worth the paper upon which it was printed. If James really cared about school prayer, family values and telling the truth, would he sign a useless bill and conduct himself in such a crude and hypocritical way? The answer is no. He was simply using religion to divide people for political purposes.

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Dear Editor,

Almost half a million people from all over the world have visited the beautiful State Capitol since it reopened in 1992, continued efforts to interpret and add to the building have enhanced the visitor's experience.

For this reason the Alabama Historical Commission is asking for help from anyone who might have any furniture or artifacts that originally came out of the capitol. The commission is hoping to return as many original furnishings to the building as possible, especially those dating from the 19th century. The pieces will be displayed throughout the building and enjoyed by visitors for many years to come. Best of all, donations are tax deductible.

In the future, some original furnishings will also be displayed in the proposed Capitol museum. The museum, to be located in the old Supreme Court Library, will focus on the history of Alabama's five state capitols and the events that shaped the development of the state. Anyone with any information may call me.

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## AREA DEATHS

### HENRY BEECHER DAVIS

Mr. Henry Beecher Davis, age 85, of Orlando, Fla., died Aug. 12, 1998, in Orlando.

Funeral services were held Aug. 22, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Bethel Baptist Church with Rev. Rollie Murray Jr., pastor, officiating. Burial was in Washington Park Cemetery with Mitchell Funeral Home Inc. directing.

### ALBERTA RACHEL TAYLOR

Mrs. Alberta Rachel Taylor, age 86, of Elba, died Aug. 20, 1998, in the Elba Nursing Home.

Graveside services and burial were held Aug. 22, 1998, at 11 a.m. in Evergreen Cemetery with Dr. Robert Paul officiating and Hayes Funeral Home directing.

### ROBERT AUSTIN GARRETT

Mr. Robert Austin Garrett, age 89, of Dozier, died Aug. 20, 1998, in Crenshaw Baptist Hospital.

Funeral services were held Aug. 23, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Valley Grove Primitive Baptist Church, with Rev. Monroe Sasser officiating. Burial was in Valley Grove Primitive Baptist Cemetery, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two daughters: Mary Louise Mitchell and Alice Lee Garrett, both of Dozier; a sister: Lorene Sanko, South Port, Fla.; 8 grandchildren.

### MOTHER ESTELLAR OWENS

Mother Estellar Burrows Owens died Aug. 20, 1998. She was born Jan. 30, 1914, in Coffee County.

Funeral services were held Aug. 25, 1998, at 1 p.m. at Memorial Church of God in Christ, New Brockton, with Supt. H.H. Rawls officiating. Burial was in Shiloh Cemetery, with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include five children: Elder E.M. Owens (Earline), Saginaw, Mich.; Pearlene Owens, Elba; Lewis Owens (Betty), Florida; Willie Owens, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; Rosie Taylor, Elba; two brothers: Benjamin Burrows, Dundee, Fla.; Kenneth Burrows, Enterprise;

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# CHURCH & COMMUNITY

## Friendship Baptist Church to have revival services Aug. 30 - Sept. 2

Friendship Baptist Church, in the Holley Store Community, will have revival Aug. 30 - Sept. 2.

## Space Camp to be held at Enterprise Assembly of God

Ventures in Space" camp will be held at Westgate Assembly of God in Enterprise on Aug. 29, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. All kids, ages 4 - 11, are invited to attend.

There will be music, puppets, Bible lessons, science concepts, Rob the Rocket, games, crafts, drama and more!

Theme for the month is "Phases of the Moon." Both a noon meal and an afternoon snack will be provided. Planet points will be awarded for things such as being present, bringing a Bible, bringing an offering, and bringing someone with you. At the end of the day, planet points will be converted into "space bucks" to purchase prizes at the General Store. Call for more information or to register - 393-2761.

## ROUND AND ABOUT WITH ERIA

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\*\*\*Scripture: Prov. 11:1-31

\*\*\*Thinking of you, praying for you: Lincoln Bedgood, Church, Col. Collins Belcher, Smith Marshall, John Nelson, Rev. W. Bass, Alan Belcher, Lela Tyson, the Williams, Lindsey, Belcher, Owens, and Davis families.

\*\*\*August Birthdays: Susie Hooks - Aug. 3; Brea Culver - Aug. 9; Cathryn Carpenter - Aug. 15; Ree'Nita Brooks - Aug. 17; Isaac Nelson - Aug. 18; J.L. Williams - Aug. 20; Chastity Williams - Aug. 21; Alan Belcher - Aug. 26; Lance Cross - Aug. 30; Mozelle McCormick - Aug. 30.

\*\*\*August Anniversaries: Calvin/Maryetta Carpenter - Aug. 2; David and Patricia Carpenter - Aug. 10.

\*\*\*Ministers, Deacons and Laymen's Union will meet at Friendship M.B. Church, Glenwood, Aug. 30, Rev. J.M. Bryant, pastor, theme: "God is Love." Scripture: Deut. 6:5

9:45 a.m. - House called to Order - president; reading of journal - secretary; Sunday School; reports, business, devotional, sermon

Women's Department - Sis. Lessie Davis and Sis. Maggie Bryant; Youth Department - Sis. Brittany Daniels, Sis. Melissa Kelley

President - Rev. J.M. Bryant; Vice President - Dea. James L. Williams; Secretary - Sis. Eria Lindsey Belcher; Asst. Secretary - Sis. Mamie Williams;

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Treasurer - Dea. Grover Belcher.

\*\*\*The 118th church anniversary was celebrated at St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday, Aug. 23, at 2:30 p.m. in Brundidge. Rev. Willie D. Flowers is pastor. Rev. A.R. Williams, Elba,

Center of attraction was the birthday cake, plenty of party foods and her favorite gift of "money." Party colors were those of the rainbow, and there was "This is my party, and I'll cry if I want to."

Ree'Nita has one brother, Wiley Dee'Nard, and he misses her when she's not around to pick on him.

She will be in the fourth grade at Holly Hill. She is a member of the A.R. Williams Choir, Rocky Head M.B. Church, Elba, and Youth Choir at Friendship Baptist Church, Enterprise, and Friendship Sunbeam.

Ree'Nita is the granddaughter of Elba Mae Brooks, Enterprise, and



Ree'Nita Naess Brooks

Culver; Lydia, Brandon, Brandy and Tiffney Kelley; Jason and Mason Gully; Connie Moody, Melissa Kelley, Dee Aundra Peterson, Curtis Kelley, Lenora Jack, Tra Wilson, Martin Jack, Rosetta and Teresa, Ella Mae Brooks, Alan Belcher, Michael and Evelyn Manning, Wiley, Juanita and Dee'Nard Brooks, Kim Kelley, Jessica Board, Sherelle Hart, Porchia Teague, Freddy and Patti Culver, Grover and Eria Belcher.

\*\*\*Youth Need To Know: African American History - August.

\*\*\*Monthly Motivation: There are four runs on the ladder of success: plan, purposefully, prepare prayerfully, proceed positively, and pursue persistently. (African American folklore)

\*\*\*Did you know? The first hospital owned and operated by African Americans was founded in Mississippi... J.L. Love invented the pencil sharpener in 1897... Miles Dewey Davis was sometimes referred to as "the evil genius of jazz" because of his sinister appearance and rude stage manner... Jackie Robinson was the first African American inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, in Cooperstown, N.Y.

\*\*\*Question: How many people participated in the march on Washington led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1963? Answer: 250,000. (African American History Calendar)

\*\*\*The 116th Founders Day Program of the Mulberry Missionary Baptist District Association was celebrated Aug. 23, at 6 p.m. at the Mulberry Association Building, Hwy. 2, West Elba, theme: "Preserving the Unity of the Church Through the 21st Century." Eph. 4:1-6 - Rev. J.G. Chamon, Moderator

\*\*\*Today is a good day! Be grateful. ERIA

## I'm Nine

Ree'Nita Naess Brooks, daughter of Wiley and Juanita Brooks of Enterprise, celebrated her birthday with a party on Saturday, Aug. 15, at her home. Her birthday was Aug. 17.

Ree'Nita has one brother, Wiley Dee'Nard, and he misses her when she's not around to pick on him. She will be in the fourth grade at Holly Hill. She is a member of the A.R. Williams Choir, Rocky Head M.B. Church, Elba, and Youth Choir at Friendship Baptist Church, Enterprise, and Friendship Sunbeam.

Ree'Nita is the granddaughter of Elba Mae Brooks, Enterprise, and

## WORSHIP AT THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY!

## Church Directory

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH  
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH  
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Bible Study: 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
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ELBA CHURCH OF GOD  
J. E. Wesley, Pastor  
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.  
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ELBA DELIVERANCE  
TARNACLE  
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
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ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Rev. Robert Paul, Pastor  
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
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ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Rev. Marvin Ennis, Pastor  
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
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ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH  
J. L. Gray, Pastor  
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
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FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH  
San Totten, Pastor  
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
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FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH  
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
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FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
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KINSTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
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MULBERRY HTS. CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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LIVING WOOD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH  
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LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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LOVE'S WAY CHURCH  
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## Tiger Tales

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## The View From The Top

by Brad Holley

So, what is expected of Elba High School this year? I recently had an opportunity to conduct an interview with the newly appointed principal, Danny Weeks. In this interview he expressed an enthusiastic view of the upcoming school year, "I have an optimistic view of the future and a commitment to excellence," he said.

Mr. Weeks also stated that he looks forward to each and every day and looks forward to working with the students and faculty members. He is very confident in setting goals for the school. He believes that punctuality, respect for others, and cooperation with others are just as important as the required academic subjects such as English, math, science, etc. Being a senior I asked him what is expected out of me, as well as,



DANNY WEEKS

my fellow classmates. He replied, "I expect you all to be leaders and set positive examples."

Mr. Weeks also stated that he would like for the senior class to help the underclassmen and promote Elba High School.

## New Assistant Principal

by Daniel Murdock

There are many new faces in the faculty at EHS as even the administration has received a change by naming Johnny Dunn the new assistant principal. Mr. Dunn graduated from Pike County High School and then went on to Southern Union Jr. College on scholarship to play basketball and baseball. He then transferred to Troy State for an athletic scholarship where he earned his B.S. in Health, Physical Education, and History and then later received his Masters in School Administration. Mr. Dunn has served as a coach, teacher, and principal at Dixie Academy, Arlton, Pike County, and Goshen High School as he has accumulated thirty years of teaching experience. Mr. Dunn is a deacon at Bethlehem Baptist Church, is married to Edna Dunn, who is a nurse in Troy, and they have two daughters and three grandchildren. "My goal is to help every student to have the best possible chance for the best education that we can offer," stated Mr. Dunn when addressed about what he plans to accomplish at Elba High School. "If I could help just a few kids turn their life around and become a more productive student



JOHNNY DUNN

before they enter their adult life, then all of my hard work will be worthwhile. I also know that all students are not college bound; some may choose a vocational route and it is my goal to help these students form better study habits because good study habits will later turn into good work habits."

Mr. Dunn also put emphasis on good attendance and being on time for class as an area that he plans on improving at Elba High School. Because of Mr. Dunn's qualifications, the administration, students, and faculty are confident that he can carry on the proud tradition at EHS.

## Teachers Attend Earth Lab '98

Mrs. Shirlon Dye and Mrs. Kim Gibson of Elba Elementary School were two of thirty Alabama educators chosen to participate in EARTH LAB '98: An Environmental Field School for Elementary Educators. Funded by a federal grant, and conducted by the Southeast Alabama Regional Inservice Center at Troy State University, EARTH LAB '98 consisted of five days of hands-on, mathematics and science-based activities at the Solon Dixie Forestry Education Center in Andalusia, Alabama, in June.

EARTH LAB '98 assisted educators with incorporating environmental

teaching strategies into their existing curriculums. Educators discovered unique and unusual plants and animals of southeast Alabama and the Conecuh National Forest while being accompanied by experts in the fields of botany, wildlife management, endangered species, reptiles, and amphibians, and forestry. In addition, educators explored a cave, collected fossils, canoe a river, and studied aquatic environments. This FREE summer opportunity provided educators with several hundreds of dollars worth of educational materials to take back to their classrooms.

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Many people at Elba High School are wondering about the new club called FCA. FCA is the newest club offered at EHS and it stands for Fellowship of Christian Athletes. As many can already tell, the members that make up this club are student athletes. The advisor, Coach Boyd English, said, "The main purpose of FCA is to bring more people to Christ." The way FCA plans to do this is by meeting every Friday morning at 7:15 to have a few minutes of devotion and then to talk about different ways members can help out our school and community.

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# SCHOOLS

## Elba High School recognized as a site for education success

Elba High has been recognized as a site for educational success. This distinction is available to schools and their agricultural education programs through Local Program Success, a national initiative to build quality agricultural education programs. Recently, Jacob Davis who teaches agriculture at Elba High School completed an in-depth training program held in the state as a part of the initiative.

At the core of Local Program Success are tools and strategies developed by teachers and other agricultural education professionals to strengthen local programs. The initiative focuses on agriculture programs, in which more than 650,000 students in rural and urban areas study the science, business and technology of agriculture.

The goal is to build result-oriented, effective programs that prepare students for careers and life," said Dr. Roscoe Vaughn, executive director of the National Council for Agricultural Education (The Council). Local Program Success is a joint initiative of The Council and U.S. Department of Education, with cooperation from the National FFA Organization Association of Agricultural Educators.

A national task force of agriculture and education leaders identified six keys to success for local agricultural education programs: strong classroom and laboratory instruction; supervised agricultural experience programs; active FFA chapters; strong community and school partnerships; program planning and marketing; and professional growth for teachers.

To help teachers become successful in each area, work groups of agriculture and education leaders, including 30 teachers from 18 states, developed steps to success and researched proven best practices used currently in the nation's top programs.

While the intent of Local Program Success is to provide leadership, coordination and support for the continuing improvement of agricultural education, it can serve as a model for other disciplines. Since its start in 1996, the initiative continues to help teachers make the most of their resources to enhance classroom and experiential instruction, build community support, make school-to-career connections and increase the overall educational experience for students.

The mission of agricultural education is to prepare and support individuals for careers, build awareness and develop leadership for the food, fiber and natural resource systems.

The Southeast District FFA Chapter Officers Leadership Workshop was held recently at Enterprise State Junior College. Members attending the workshop from The Elba FFA Chapter (pictured above) were: Jeremy Sasser, Bradley Bowers, Britt Grimes, Bucky Carlie and Mr. Davis, Advisor. The workshop is held annually in the Southeast District to train officers to be leaders in their chapter, county and community. The sessions included the duties and responsibilities of officers, planning chapter activities, public relations, etc. The workshop is sponsored by the Agriculture Technology Education Section, State Department of Education.

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## LIFESTYLES

### Hargrave-Merrill united in Miss Bedsole and Mr. McCollough to marry in October



Mrs. Jeffrey Keith Hargrave

Ruth Elizabeth Merrill and Jeffrey Keith Hargrave were united in marriage April 4, 1998, at Westgate Church of Christ in Dothan. The Rev. Bill Watkins performed the double-ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Dr. and Mrs. Phillip Hudson Merrill of Dothan, and Mr. and Mrs. John Edward Hargrave of Decatur.

The bride was escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents.

A program of wedding music was presented by Renee Howell, pianist and organist, Tim Gilley, trumpeter, and Melissa Whitt, soloist.

Angela Searcy Blaxton of Birmingham served as matron of honor. Gwin Copeland of Decatur served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Heather Atteberry, St. Louis, Mo.; Jennifer Hitchcock, Boles, Montgomery; Kathryn Coplin, cousin of the bride, Demopolis; Jaclyn Hargrave, sister of the groom, Decatur; Allison Sherer Hart, Birmingham; Elizabeth Oumette, Memphis, Tenn.; and Caroline Clements Smith, Little Rock, Ark.

Abby and Molly Coplin, twin cousins of the bride, Demopolis, served as flower girls.

John E. Hargrave of Decatur served as best man. Groomsmen were Steve Dedmond, Birmingham; Shane Hammett, Auburn; Lewis Harrell, Hattiesburg, Miss.; Henry Merrill, brother of the bride, Atlanta, Ga.; Rusty Self, Mundford, Chris Perdue, Fernandina Beach, Fla.; Michael Whitt, cousin of the groom, Auburn; and Matthew Wilson, Auburn.

Following the ceremony, the bride's parents hosted a reception at the Dothan Country Club. The groom's parents entertained the wedding party with a rehearsal dinner at the Dothan Country Club.

After a wedding trip to St. Lucia, the couple resides in Texarkana, Ark., where they are both employed as process engineers.

Graduation exercises for MacArthur State Technical College were held Aug. 18 in the Oph High School auditorium, with 252 students completing requirements for graduation.

Graduates include: Accounting Technology - Crystal Parrish, Elba; Leah Russell, Kinston.

Air Conditioning and Refrigeration - James Graves, Kinston; Benji Hutchison, New Brockton.

Barbering - Tracey Burnett, Brantley; Tanya Dewberry, Jack; Wyndi Rug, Troy.

Carpentry & Cabinetmaking - Brian Hawthorne, Kinston.

Communication Electronics - Tara Rhoades, Elba; Ashley Simmons, Kinston.

Computer Science - Kevin Wilks, Kinston; Nancy Woods, Elba.

Cosmetology - Lindsay Johnson, Kinston; Stephanie Nelson, Jack; Arthurine Pitts, Brantley; Marian Smith, Elba.

Diesel & Heavy Equipment - William Brock, Hawthorne, Kinston.

Drafting & Design Technology - Marion Brunson, Elba; Pamela Thomaston, Kinston; Demetrius Williams, Elba.

Industrial Electricity/Electronics Technology - Christopher Flowers and John Niles, Elba; Casey Grace and Ashley Simmons, Kinston.

Nursing Assistant - Brenda Hutchison, Elba; Nora Wiley, Brantley.

Practical Nursing - Kimberly Cooper and Christie Mitchell, New Brockton; Stacy Dewberry, Jack; Deborah Ford, Elba.

Secretarial Technology - Tina Bell and Vicki Coggins, Brantley; Wendolyn Burks, Elba; Laura Edwards, New Brockton; Kellie Henderson, Glenwood.

Structural and Pipe Welding - Jason Edwards, New Brockton.

Upholstery/Design Interiors - Ethelene Bedsole, Brantley; Marshall Edwards, Kinston.

Welding - Keith Patterson, New Brockton.



Mr. McCollough, Miss Bedsole

Mrs. Nancy Y. Bedsole of Elba announces the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Amelia Louise, to Michael L. McCollough, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mickey L. McCollough, also of Elba.

The bride-elect is also the daughter of Mr. James A. Bedsole of Opp. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Jessie G. Young and the late John V. Young, the late Annie Bedsole, and the late Alvin Bedsole, all of Opp.

She is a graduate of Elba High School and Auburn University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in special education. She is a special education teacher in Enterprise.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of the late Margaret B. Smith, the late Henry J. Smith, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Luke McCollough, all of Elba.

He is a graduate of Elba High School and RETS Electronic Institute in Birmingham. He is employed in Dothan.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, Oct. 10, at three o'clock in the afternoon at the Elba Church of Christ.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

### Lashley Reunion to be held Saturday, August 29

The Lashley Reunion will be held Aug. 29 at the Westville Community Center in Westville, Fla.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend the day of fellowship.



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## LIFESTYLES

### Girl Scout registration to be held

Girl Scout registration for the Elba/Zion Chapel area will be held Tuesday, Sept. 1, at 7 p.m. at Elba Elementary School.

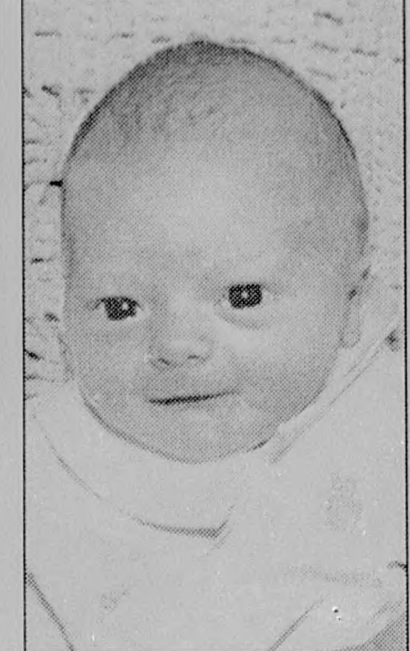
Registration is open to girls in grades K-12.

Parent or guardian must accompany the girl.

For information call 347-1965 or 1-800-BE-Women (1-800-239-6636).

Teresa Dorsey, Jack - Tanya Dewberry.

President's List requires A average; Dean's List - Grade Point Average - 3.5.



Joshua Thomas Peak

### Birth Announcement

#### JOSHUA THOMAS PEAK

Justin Lee Peak announces the birth of his new baby brother, Joshua, on July 29, 1998, at 1:03 p.m. at Flowers Hospital.

Joshua weighed 6 lbs. 12 ozs. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Proud parents are Ricky and Sherri Peak of Dothan.

Proud grandparents are Tommy Deupree of Elba, and Nellie Peak, Geneva.

Historical Commission to co-host workshop

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) and the Pea River Historical and Genealogical Society will co-host a workshop on Sept. 29, 5 - 7 p.m. at the Old National Guard Armory Civic Center located behind Cottage Street Elementary School, 711 W. Crawford St., Enterprise.

The meeting will inform members of the Wiregrass region about various historic preservation programs, and offer support for local preservation needs.

Aunt B's Bed and Breakfast to have Open House

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### Miss Bradley and Mr. Sessions to wed Saturday, October 3

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Bradley of Kinston announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Andrea Nicole, to Chad Frederick Sessions, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Sessions of Samson.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gibson R. Bradley of Kinston, and Mr. and Mrs. Zealton C. Smith of Kinston.

She is a 1992 graduate of Elba High School and a 1997 graduate of Troy State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling. She is a service social worker employed in Evergreen.

The future groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sessions of Elba, and Mr. and Mrs. M.K. Bowden of Kinston.

He is a 1994 graduate of Kinston High School and is employed with a trucking firm as a dispatcher.

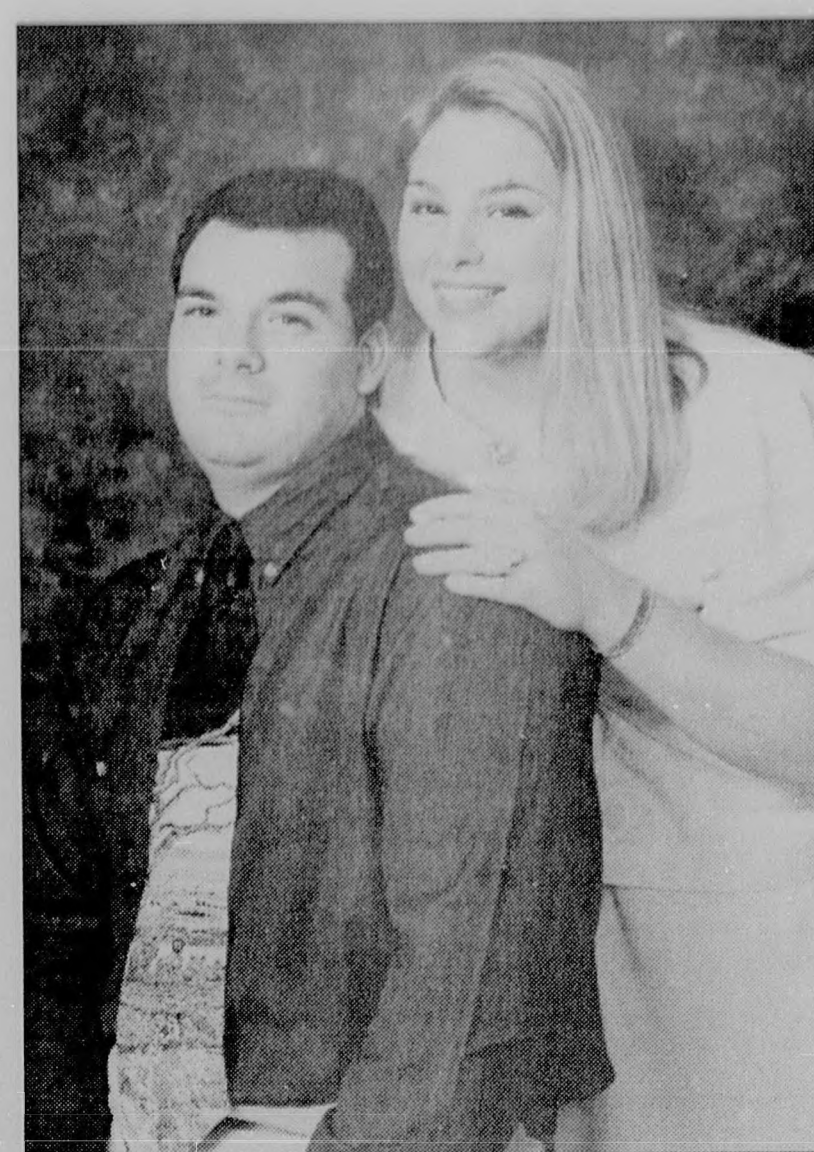
The wedding will take place Saturday, Oct. 3, at four o'clock in the afternoon at Ino Baptist Church, Kinston, with reception to follow in the fellowship hall of the church.

Area Student's on President's List at Wallace College

Area students named to the President's List at Wallace Community College for Summer Quarter 1998 included:

Jessica J. Dunn, Elba; Donna F. Cotter, Jack; and Rusty S. Phillips, Kinston.

The President's List requires a quarterly grade point average of 4.0.



Mr. Sessions, Miss Bradley

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### NEW ARRIVAL



Brookelin Savannah Jones

#### BROOKELIN SAVANNAH JONES

Michael and Donna Jones announce the birth of their daughter, Brookelin Savannah Jones, on June 9, 1998, 12:20 p.m. at Columbia Medical Center, Orange Park, Fla.

The new arrival weighed 8 lbs. 13 ozs. and was 21 inches long.

Brookelin was welcomed home by her big sister, Autumn.

Proud grandparents are Richard and Pat Jones; Edward and Gail Morris, Elba; and George and Debbie Sims, Montgomery.

Great-grandparents are Merle Berry; Ricky Sims; the late Hanley and Mable Jones, Jacksonville, Fla.; the late Helen McGriff, Jacksonville, Fla.; the late L.V. Berry, Elba; and the late Nora Sims, New Brockton.

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# SPORTS

Views from ...

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

The high school football season kicks off this week, and for perhaps the first time ever I will probably glance at the cheerleaders at least a couple of times each game to make certain everything is okay on the sidelines. I won't be trying to learn the cheers, or get any of the little footballs the girls throw out after a score, but I will be keeping an eye on Melissa as she takes to the sidelines for the first time as a varsity cheerleader. After being a junior high cheerleader I know she knows what to do if the play comes her way. However, I will still look her way anytime the ball heads in her direction, and be a proud Papa throughout the game.

### TIGERS HOPE TO RETURN TO WINNING WAYS

The Elba Tigers will be looking to return to their winning ways of the past tonight (Thursday) when they host the Brantley Bulldogs in the season opener for the high school football season. Coach David Sikes, his staff, and his players have been hard at work throughout the summer getting ready for the season, and after talking to the coaches and players, I am convinced that they are determined to help move the Elba football program back toward the top of the high school ranks. They all know that it will take more than one year to return the Tigers to the top; however, everyone involved in Elba Tiger football believes that this will be the year that the Tigers take that first giant step. Only time will tell, and it looks like the time is now!

The Tigers stumbled on both sides of the football last season, and while it is true that there are a number of new faces dotting the line-up this season, the newcomers seem just as determined as the veterans to turn the program around. On offense, Bradley Bowers will lead an attack that will include a stable of solid running backs and a pair of speedy receivers that can go deep at any time. The offensive line was a question mark a year ago and remains somewhat of an ongoing project, but does have some youngsters that are big and strong, and should get better as it gains experience. The offense will be much different from last year's pass happy attack, and should help the Tigers develop a level of consistency on the offensive side of the ball.

Over on defense, the Tigers return eight starters, and should be one of the quickest and most aggressive units to wear the black and gold in many years. The Tigers won't be as big as many Elba teams of the past, but appears to be loaded with quickness at just about every position, and will attempt to use that quickness to get to the football and punish the ball carrier. If the Tigers play fundamentally sound, tackle well, and remember their assignments on every down, they could have as good a defense as the Elba fans have seen for many years.

Don't get me wrong, I am not predicting the Tigers are going to win a state championship, or even have a winning record. What I am predicting is that the '98 Tigers will be a team that gives everything it has on every play, and will be a team that the fans will enjoy watching. Rome wasn't built in a day, and the Elba football program won't be rebuilt in just one year. It will; however, begin to take shape, and by the end of the season should resemble the program that has claimed two state titles in the last decade. Be patient, but be ready to have some fun!

### JUNIOR PROGRAM APPEARS SOLID IN FIRST YEAR

The Elba Junior High football program made a major change in policy last spring when it made the move to a "middle school" program, and while the change from having players in three grades (7-9) to only two grades (7-8) had some folks worried about a lack of players, those fears have vanished as over thirty players from grades seven and eight have joined the team and will hit the field next week in its season opener. Coach Kevin Killingsworth has stepped down as an assistant on the varsity staff to lead the junior high program, and his enthusiasm and knowledge has already paid huge dividends with the youngsters. The future of the Elba football program begins at the junior high level, and it looks like the future is in good hands.

### VOLLEYBALL TEAM ALSO READY FOR OPENER

The Elba Lady Tiger volleyball team will open its season next week, and Coach Susan Barnes and her troops appear more than ready to continue their trek toward the top of their sport. The volleyball team posted a winning record a year ago and advanced to sub-state play, but found out that it was still a long way from being able to defeat the better teams in the 3A ranks at the state level. This year the Lady Tigers have worked hard in the off-season to improve, and Coach Barnes and her players believe that this is the year that the Lady Tigers will get the attention of the state's top teams. With no seniors on the team the Lady Tigers could hit a few bumps on the road; however, the Lady Tigers are not young on the court, and should be headed for their best season ever. Good luck!

### AREA TEAMS READY TO OPEN '98 SEASON

The 1998 high school football season will kick off tonight (Thursday) across the state, and for the teams in the area, the kickoff won't come one day too soon. The players are all tired of butting heads with each other, and are ready to hit someone else. They will get that chance this week, and here is a brief look at what to expect.

**\*\*\*NEW BROCKTON GAMECOCKS** - The Gamecocks of Coach Keith Thrasher might just have their best team in many years, and could very well be the team to keep an eye on in this part of the state. The Gamecocks are still young in many spots and have been hit hard by injuries in the pre-season; however, they have grown up on the football field in recent years and are determined that this is the season in which they start paying some folks back for losses in the past. If the Gamecocks can avoid the injury bug and improve every time they hit the field, they could very well be a team to reckon with come playoff time.

**\*\*\*ZION CHAPEL REBELS** - The Rebels of Coach Randy Grant won't have a lot of players, or experience, but they will be well coached and ready to play when the season opens Friday night. The Rebels took a giant step toward being a winning team a year ago, and despite the predictions of doom in '98, you can bet Coach Grant and his staff will have the Rebels as ready as possible. Talent helps win games, but what is in a player's heart also counts, and there is no doubt that the Rebels are just as good as any team in the state when it comes to dedication and desire. The Rebels might just surprise some folks this season, just watch.

**\*\*\*KINSTON BULLDOGS** - The Bulldogs of Coach Mickey Jacobs are also short on numbers and experience, but the Bulldogs have never backed down from a challenge and the same will be true this season. Kinston will enter the year as the smallest 2A school in the state, and will be the underdog just about every time it hits the field. While that might make their fans a little pessimistic, you can bet the Bulldogs and their coaches are looking forward to the challenge, and believe that they can win no matter the opponent. The Bulldogs aren't expected to make much noise this season; however, their bite may be worse than many think.

**\*\*\*BRANTLEY BULLDOGS** - The Bulldogs of Coach Roland Jones are expected to challenge for a state this season, and if they can survive a rugged early-season schedule, they should be around late in the season and be ready to roll in the playoffs. Brantley appears to have as much speed and skilled folks as any school in the state, regardless of size, and if the Bulldogs can improve as the year rolls along, big things could happen. If the Bulldogs stay healthy, and gain momentum, watch out!

**\*\*\* FOOTBALL '98  
IT'S HERE!!!!**

### TIME OUT...TO TAKE A LOOK AROUND THE AREA

**\*\*\*I** was deeply saddened last week to learn of the death of Bryan Atkins. Bryan was a teacher and coach at Pleetta Junior High School, served as the sports editor for The Opp News for many years, and was someone I considered a friend. Bryan always had a smile on his face, whether coaching a game, or covering a game for the newspaper, and he will be missed by many. He devoted a lot of hours to covering area sports for the Opp newspaper, not for the money, but for the love of sports and those who took part in the competition. He will be missed, but always remembered.

**\*\*\*The Elba teams** are hard at work getting ready for the 1998 Tri-County Youth Football League season, and while the Pee Wee team was hit hard by the change at Elba High School to field a seventh and eighth grade team, all three teams have plenty of players and should be ready for a big season. The Middlets, the youngest team, has almost 40 players taking part in practice, while the Termites and Pee Wees both have around 20 players on their rosters. The teams begin the season on September 12, and it looks like a fun season ahead.

**\*\*\*I** was great to learn that the New Brockton football player that suffered a heart stroke was recovering nicely and would have a full recovery from the very dangerous health condition. Jamey Anderson was in critical condition after passing out on the practice field, but the efforts of the Gamecock coaching staff and rescue personnel made a major difference, and today all the news is good. All coaches are aware of the dangers of practicing in the heat, and even though things can happen, the coaches at New Brockton were ready, and may have very well been the difference between a tragedy and a happy ending.

**\*\*\*The controversy over aluminum bats** in baseball has been alive for many years, and it looks like the NCAA has finally made a decision. Last week the NCAA announced that effective in August, 1999, metal bats would be changed to perform more like wood bats. Tests during the 1998 season recorded batted balls with a velocity of 113 miles per hour, but under the new rules to take place in late 1999, the maximum batted ball velocity would be 93 miles per hour. You had better believe that 10 miles an hour is a huge difference! The NCAA also decreased the allowable diameter of the bat from 2 3/4 inches to 2 5/8 inches, and reduced the length-to-weight difference from five to three (a 34 inch bat must weigh 31 ounces). Similar rules are already being considered by the national high school federation, and it is a sure thing that when school starts in 1999, the high school rules will be identical. Also look for changes in softball bats used at the high school level, as soon as next season.

### PROGNOSTICATOR PRIMED FOR PREP PICKINGS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by the office Sunday morning and announced his predictions for the beginning of the 1998 season would be his best year ever. I don't know what caused the change in attitude for the local guesser, but we'll find out in a hurry if he is really ready, or just talking loud to try and convince himself. Here goes...

### ELBA VS. BRANTLEY

The Elba Tigers struggled to a 2-8 record a year ago and this season have only 24 players on their varsity roster, while the Brantley Bulldogs are supposed to be loaded with talent and are considered by many to be a threat to win the 1A state title. It looks like a rocky opener for the Tigers, but games are won on the field, and not in the papers, and the vote here is for the Tigers to open the season with a huge upset.

**ELBA 20 BRANTLEY 16**

### In pre-season football jamboree

## New Brockton claims two big wins

The New Brockton Gamecocks competed in a pre-season football jamboree Friday night in Dothan, and gave their fans plenty to be cheer about as they posted wins over Houston Academy and Louisville.

The Gamecocks opened the jamboree against Louisville and pulled out to a 14-0 lead before holding on late to claim the 14-7 win over the Red Devils. The first New Brockton touchdown came when Lee Flowers scooped up a Red Devil fumble for the 14-7 lead. New Brockton drove 65 yards in

### INSTON VS. ARITON

The Kinston Bulldogs are down in numbers again this season, but they are not down in confidence or enthusiasm, and are actually looking forward to their trip to battle the Purple Cats. Arinton is not as strong as it has been in years past, but the Cats will be playing at home, and everyone knows there is no place like home.

**ARITON 16 KINSTON 8**

### NEW BROCKTON VS. LUVERNE

The New Brockton Gamecocks are primed for one of their best years ever under Coach Keith Thrasher, and just about everyone agrees that the Gamecocks will be a team to watch as the season progresses. Luverne won the state 2A crown a year ago, but the Tigers use a little down in numbers and talent, and could be primed for an upset if they are not ready for the Gamecock invasion. In a real battle...

**LUVERNE 18 NEW BROCKTON 14**

### ZION CHAPEL VS. THORSBY

The Zion Chapel Rebels will hit the road for the long trip up to Thorsby for their season opener, and while the Rebels may be a little down in numbers and talent, they should be evenly matched against Thorsby. If the Rebels can get a few breaks early in the game and gain confidence, a win could very well happen. The Rebels have a real shot, but again the nod goes to the home team.

**THORSBY 24 ZION CHAPEL 20**

### OTHER PICKS:

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Excel 21 Frisco City 8  
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Rehobeth 14 Cottonwood 13  
Geneva 28 Geneva Co. 6  
Highland Home 22 Goshen 12  
Straughn 28 Louisville 12  
Samson 14 Slocumb 8  
Wicksburg 20 Houston Co. 18  
Eufaula 27 Abbeville 7  
Ashford 14 Pike Co. 13

### To host Brantley Junior Bulldogs

## Elba Junior Tigers to open season on September 1 against Brantley

The Elba Junior Tigers will take to the field on Tuesday, September 1, when they host the Brantley Junior Bulldogs, at Elba's Tiger Stadium. The kickoff for the game is set for 6:00 PM.

This will mark the first season in which the Junior Tigers will consist

of players in grades seven and eight, with no ninth graders on the squad. Despite the change, over thirty players are on the team, coached by Kevin Killingsworth, and the Tigers are looking forward to the season.

All Elba fans are encouraged to come out Tuesday and support these future Elba Tigers!

## Host Brantley in Thursday night opener

# Elba ready to unveil new and improved Tigers

The Elba Tigers will begin the season of the David Sikes era tonight (Thursday) when they host the Brantley Bulldogs in the opening game of the high school football season, with a large crowd expected to be on hand as the Tigers and Bulldogs renew their gridiron rivalry.

Kickoff for the game is set for 7:30 at Tiger Stadium, with the gates to open at 6:00.

"If hard work has anything to do with it we will be okay," stated Elba's Coach David Sikes. "Physically we are a little banged up, and we have a couple of starters that may not be at full speed, but no one will miss the game due to injuries. The attitude of the team has been great! The players have all gone above and beyond everything we have asked them to do, and all in all the players are really looking forward to taking the field and playing against someone other than themselves."

"Offensively," added Sikes, "the knowledge of what to do is there, and that is an improvement over the opening game a year ago. Our timing is still a little off and the passing game has been up and down in practice, but we will not be as limited as we were last year early in the season. If we have a strength on offense it would be in the backfield, where we have several solid running backs. We should be able to keep fresh backs in the game for all four quarters, and that should make a difference, especially on a hot night. We also have some very good players in the offensive line, and a couple of receivers with excellent speed."

When the Tigers take the field on offense, they will be led by quarterback Bradley Bowers (185), a junior, making his first start in a Tiger uniform. Senior Keni Mitchell (175) will open up at fullback, while at the halfback slots will be junior Tony Burks (145) and senior Kevin Dodd (150). Junior Eric Jordan

(160) and senior Derrick Duncan (165) will alternate at the split-end position, and at tight-end will be senior Lance Boutwell (180). The line will be anchored by junior center Britt Grimes (225), with senior Michael Godwin (200) and sophomore Brandon Salter (175) at guards, and junior Kenny Hughes (245) and Jep Dubose (190) at tackles. Also expected to see action at guard is O'Shavy Hammonds (185).

"Defensively," said Sikes, "we have really got after the ball in practice, and our aggressiveness should be our strength on the defensive side of the ball. We only lost two starters on defense from last season, and except for three players, everyone playing defense saw action a year ago. We are going to maximize our strengths and try to get to the football and put the pads on the ball carrier on every play."

When the Elba defense hits the field, Lance Boutwell and Jawaune Hughes (255) will line up at defense-end, with Britt Grimes and Michael Godwin manning the tackle positions. Brandon Salter, Kevin Dodd and Keni Mitchell will form the linebacker corps, with the secondary to include Eric Jordan, Josh Hodge (160), Tony Burks and Derrick Duncan. Also expected to see action will be Derrick Coleman (185) in the line and Josh Lawford (160) in the secondary.

"We don't have a lot of players or a lot of depth," admitted Coach Sikes, "but we should be able to give most of the players a breather as the game goes along, and we hope that with the combination of a solid conditioning program and our substitution pattern will pay off late in the game."

When asked about Brantley, Coach Sikes stated "Brantley probably has more speed and true athletes than any team on our schedule, and it will really be a tough season opener. They have athletes all over the field on both sides of the football, and will be as good as any team we play all season long."

"They have one of the state's top backs in Bo Daniels," added Sikes, "and he has the ability to take it the distance any time he touches the football. Brantley has speed to burn, and is a threat on every play, and every time you kick the ball to them. This is not the best opener we have faced, but it is who will take the field Thursday night, and we'll just try to do what we can to get out of there with a win."

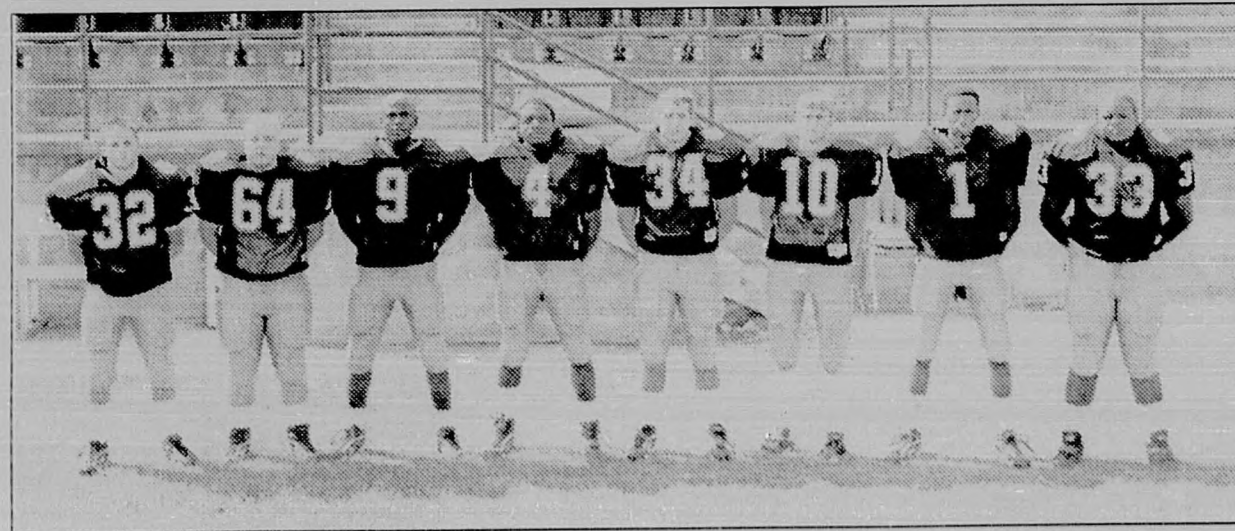
"On offense," said Sikes, "we will have to establish our running game and try to do what we do best, and then improve on that as the game progresses. I think we can be balanced on offense, and we will have to be effective running and passing to have a chance at putting many points on the scoreboard. We will have to be patient, not make mistakes, and take advantage of our scoring opportunities. Over on defense, we will have to get to the

football, be sound in all areas and tackle extremely well. If we are going to slow down Brantley's offense we must tackle well and not make any mental mistakes anywhere on the field. Brantley can score on any play, from anywhere, and we must be alert and play fundamentally sound on every play."

"This season opener is very important to our team and our program," stated Coach Sikes. "It will give us a measurement of where we are, what we have, and what we have to work on. We are much better fundamentally than we were this time last season, and have a good group of young men that want to play football. The players have worked hard, the coaches have worked hard, and now it is time to take the field and see that hard work pay off. We know the game will be tough and that Brantley will have an outstanding football team. However, we are ready to play and are looking forward to taking the field."



**ELBA TIGER COACHING STAFF...**(l-r) Boyd English, Wynn Grimes, Head Coach David Sikes and Mike Waters.



**1998 ELBA TIGER SENIORS...**include (l-r) Kevin Dodd, Michael Godwin, Eric Jordan, Keni Mitchell, Lance Boutwell, Josh Hodge, Derrick Duncan and Jawaune Hughes.

### At South Alabama Speedway

## Watkins continues to dominate sportsman action

Joey Watkins continued his dominance of the Sportsman Class at the South Alabama Speedway on Saturday, August 15, winning the feature race for the eighth time this season.

Watkins took the lead at the start and cruised to the win, getting the checkered flag for the eighth time this year. Heath Mills passed Jim Walker with four laps to go to claim the second spot, while rounding out the top five were Walker, Gary Davis and Ronnie Strawder.

Mark Davis had a long road to the Super Stock win as he survived a flat tire and a spin to take the checkered flag. Davis eventually took the lead on Lap 18 and led the rest of the way to get the win. Jerry Weathering came back from the back of the pack to finish second, while rounding out the top five were James Napper, Bob Jones and Ricky Rogers.

In Pure Stock action, Don Huff held off challenges from Roy Childs and Larry Crutchfield to claim his third feature win of the season. Crutchfield started in the rear of the pack, but battled his way near the

front and was able to move into third place midway through the race. Crutchfield got by Childs when Childs encountered clutch problems, and held on for the second spot. Rounding out the top five were Wayne Slawson, Denny Perkins and Childs.

Michael Tillery took the checkered flag in the Street Stock event, and led all 25 laps to claim his third feature win of the season. Jimmy White charged from the back of the pack to place second, with Bubba Lewis taking third. Rounding out the top five were Jerome Berry and Kenneth Adkins.

Jackie Tillery won her second straight Powder Puff race, while Lisa Harrison and Sonya Dykes charged through the pack to finish second and third, respectively. Joan Wilkins and Lori Hunt came across the line in fourth and fifth. WTUV news anchor Angie Casey finished eighth in a special appearance. The popular TV news host started in the #4 spot, but was blocked by slower traffic and faded to the #8 position.

In Heat races, the winners were Watkins, Rogers, Crutchfield,

Tillery and White.

Racing will continue this week with heats and features in all classes, gates open at 5:00 PM, with racing set to begin at 7:00 PM. The South Alabama Speedway is located on Highway 52, West of Kinston.

Following are official racing results in all classes:

### SPORTSMAN

1 - Joey Watkins, Dothan  
2 - Heath Mills, Opp  
3 - Jim Walker, Montgomery

### SUPER STOCK

1 - Mark Davis, Mobile  
2 - Jerry Weathering, Elba  
3 - James Napper, Brantley

### PURE STOCK

1 - Don Huff, Elba  
2 - Larry Crutchfield  
3 - Bubba Lewis, Elba

### POWDER PUFF

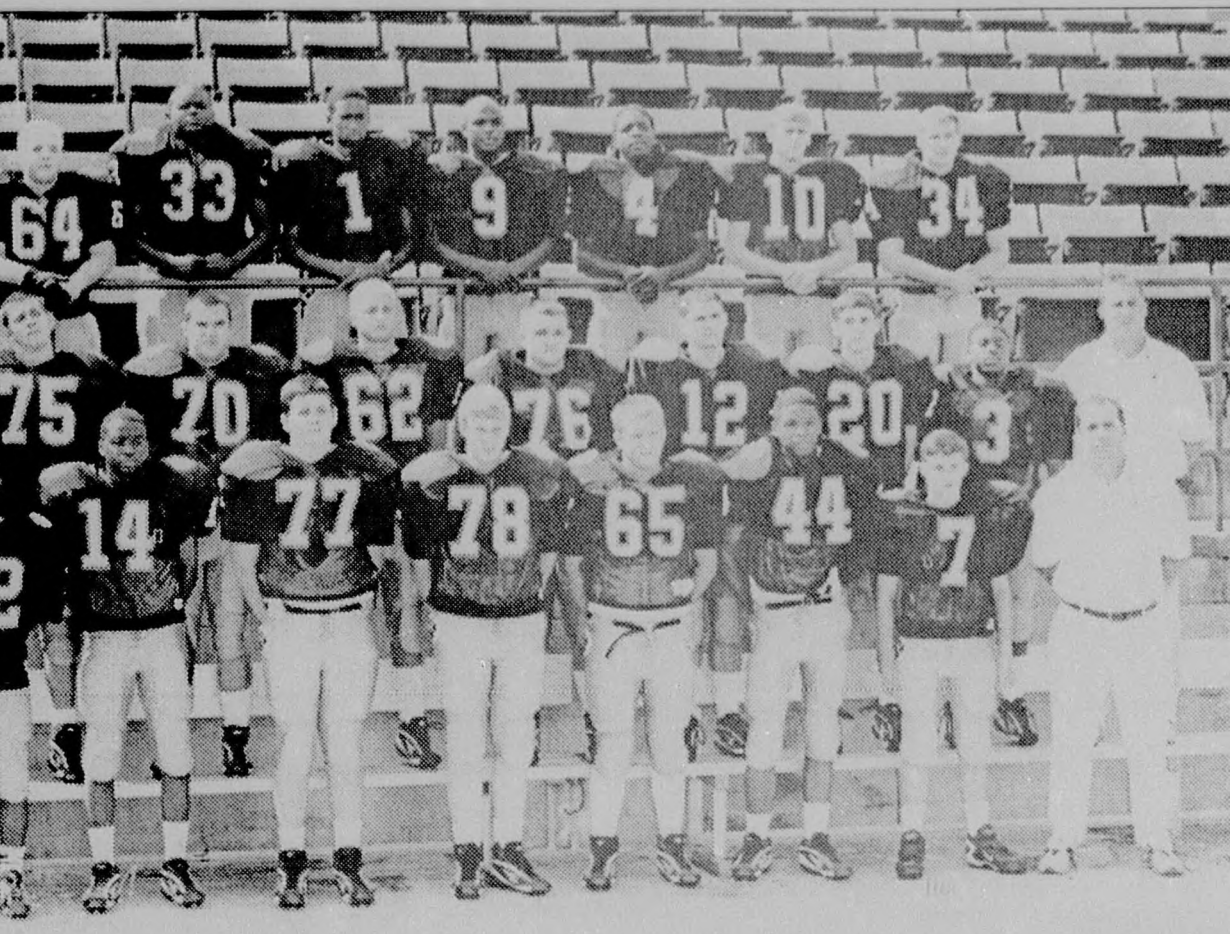
1 - Jackie Tillery, Ozark  
2 - Lisa Harrison, Mobile  
3 - Sonya Dykes, Ozark

### STREET STOCK

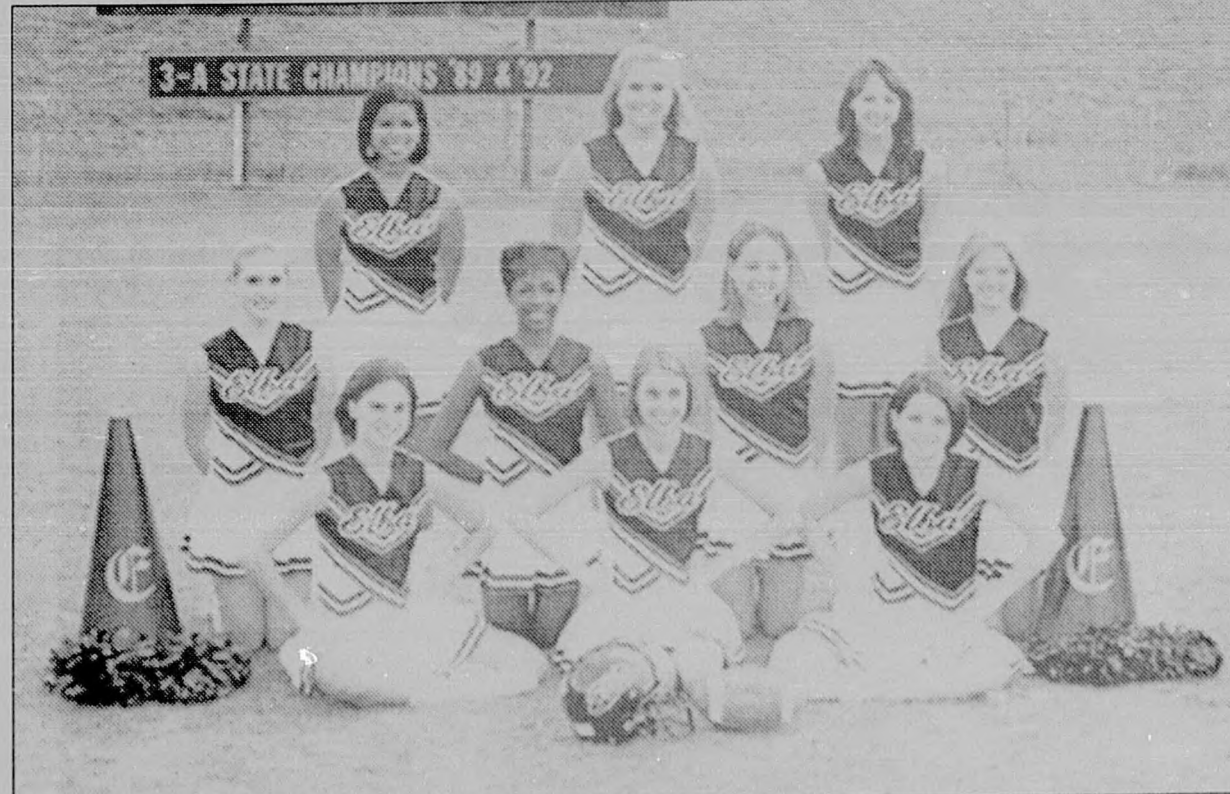
1 - Michael Tillery, Ozark  
2 - Jimmy White, Millbrook  
3 - Wayne Slawson, Enterprise

### TRAIN RACE

1 - John Dykes and Kelley Willoughby  
2 - Harold Hurt and David Cooper



**1998 ELBA TIGER VARSITY CHEERLEADERS...**(Front row) Julie Roberson-CoCaptain, Laura Crowe-Captain, Emilee Benbow-CoCaptain, (Middle row) Lisa Wing, Carmenda Coleman, Katie Vaughan, Lindsey Jared, (top row) O'Neida Davis, Melissa Mularz and Cammie Kelley.



**1998 ELBA TIGER VARSITY CHEERLEADERS...**(Front row) Julie Roberson-CoCaptain, Laura Crowe-Captain, Emilee Benbow-CoCaptain, (Middle row) Lisa Wing, Carmenda Coleman, Katie Vaughan, Lindsey Jared, (top row) O'Neida Davis, Melissa Mularz and Cammie Kelley.

### At August 8 S.A.S. races

## Elba drivers dominate action

The following are results from the feature races at the South Alabama Speedway on Saturday, August 8:

### SPORTSMAN

1 - Gary Davis, Kinston  
2 - Heath Mills, Opp  
3 - Ronnie Strawder, Enterprise

### PURE STOCK

1 - Roy Childs, Elba  
2 - Wayne Slawson, Enterprise  
3 - Jimmy Johnson, Elba

### POWDER PUFF

1 - Jackie Tillery, Ozark  
2 - Lisa Harrison, Mobile  
3 - Sonya Dykes, Ozark

### STREET STOCK

1 - Michael Tillery, Ozark  
2 - Jimmy White, Millbrook  
3 - Wayne Slawson, Enterprise

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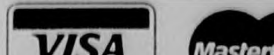
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by ANGELA HUGHES  
County Extension Agent

### BECOMING INVOLVED IN YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOLING

I have used this information before but I'm repeating it because the information is still important.

Returning to school is a time of great anticipation and sometimes great anxiety for children and parents alike. As our children go back to school, it's time for us to learn too; we need to become re-involved in our children's school experience.

Our involvement in our child's education includes three elements: our family environment, our interest in our child's learning, and our partnership with our child's school. Let's look at each of these:

•Establish a family environment that promotes learning. Clearly, education begins at home. Children begin to develop attitudes toward learning before they enter schools. A good way for parents to encourage learning is by being good examples of knowledge-seeking themselves. This sends the message that "knowledge and learning are important."

•The items in our home, as well as the way in which space and time are used, also send a message. For instance, is there a variety of quality books in your home for the children to read and gain knowledge from? Is there a place in the home where children can study, free from distraction? Some families have found it useful to designate one room as a "study hall" during a specified time, where children and parents can quietly pursue individual projects. The way in which the family spends its evening time also may need to be adjusted in order to send the pro-learning message desired.

•Be interested in what children are learning. Several ways to show interest are asking them what they are learning at school during the day, being available to help with homework, and giving feedback to children on their assignments.

•Establish a partnership with the child's school. Studies show that when schools and parents fail to work together for children, the children are the losers. Some surveys report that as many as 75 percent of parents never visit their child's school. Without an effective parent-school partnership, we place children at risk for increased discipline problems and lower academic achievement. With each passing decade, academic achievement in primary and secondary school becomes more critical.

Here are ten guidelines for building a strong partnership:

1. Find a positive way to get to know your child's teacher early in the year. One appropriate time would be during an open house. Establish early a pattern of open communication directed toward meeting your child's educational needs.

2. Let the teacher and principal know when you are pleased with something one of them has done. Be specific. Everyone needs to be recognized for a job well done.

3. If your requests and suggestions do not get the response you had hoped for, be persistent. Find another way to describe your idea. You may be ahead of your time, and it may take time for the school to react fully to your ideas.

4. Offer no more than you can deliver. It is better to keep a weekly volunteer commitment than to back out of a daily commitment.

5. Describe your idea, suggestion, or concern briefly. Specify two or three alternate responses that would be acceptable to you, and leave the way open for the school to offer other ideas.

6. Put yourself in the teachers or principal's shoes. How would you respond? Try to do this before you make suggestions or comments.

7. School administrators who ask tough but fair questions at the beginning of a proposed project, may turn out to be one of its best supporters. Try not to be defensive.

8. Teachers have prepared many years for their work. They are more likely to be open to parent involvement if they know you respect their training and contributions. Ask teachers for their suggestions.

9. When you have a complaint, discuss it with someone who is responsible for it rather than with your neighbors.

10. Never pit teachers against school administrators. Students will be the losers.

SUSAN TAYLOR  
Extension Agent/NEP

### PACKING NUTRITIOUS LUNCHES

Lots of people take their lunch to work or school. Whether you do so for convenience or to save money, remember a few guidelines to guarantee your lunch is tasty and nutritious.

First, choose a variety of foods from the major food groups. Keep calories in mind. Fats and sugars can add more calories quickly. Also, when packing a lunch, limit high-fat foods such as mayonnaise, and choose low-sodium foods such as fruits, vegetables, lean meat and poultry.

Be creative - to help avoid boredom. If you usually include a sandwich, use other kinds of bread such as pita bread or bagels sometimes instead of regular loaf bread. Instead of the same old lettuce or tomato in your sandwich, experiment with other low-fat, low-calorie add-ons. Try sprouts, cucumbers, onions, apples, pineapple or shredded carrots.

If you have access to a microwave and/or a refrigerator, hot lunches can break the monotony of sandwich lunches. For example, single servings of leftovers can be frozen in a lunch-size freezer container and can be microwaved for lunch. Other ideas for hot meals are spaghetti, macaroni and cheese, chili and soups.

Even if you don't have a microwave at the office, you can still enjoy a hot lunch. Pull out of the pantry your wide-mouthed vacuum bottle or buy a new one. These are great for taking hot or cold foods to work.

Tired of sandwiches and hot lunches? There are lots of tasty low-fat ideas for cold lunches. Try combining low-fat yogurt with fresh fruit. A chef salad with lean meat, low-fat cheese and low-calorie dressing is a good choice. Cold pasta salads or vegetables marinated in herb salad dressing are also options.

### Peanut Producers receive Checks

GFA Peanut Association mailed checks totaling \$59,459,317.45 on Aug. 1, 1998, to 4,935 peanut farms in the Southeast for the 1997 crop of peanuts marketed by the Association, according to Dykes Adkison, GFA Director, of Elba.

The monies returned represented the profits and interest on 162,919 tons of peanuts placed into loan by producers from the 1997 crop.

In addition, interest earned on the profits in the amount of \$2,057,668.56 is included on the checks mailed, Adkison said.

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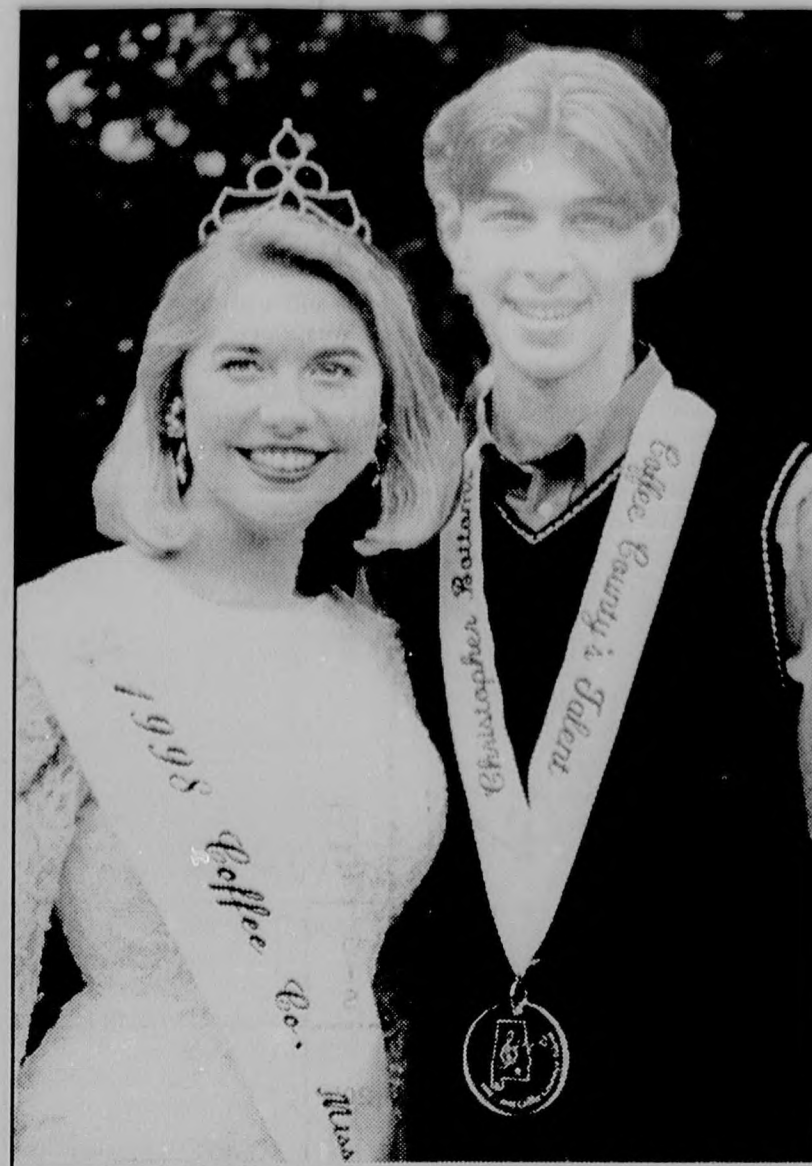


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KATHERINE CAMILLE MARSH and CHRISTOPHER DEAN BOTTOMS, both students at the University of Alabama, recently were honored in the 1998-99 Coffee County Farmers Federation competition. Katherine, daughter of Dale and Joan Marsh, was crowned the new Miss Coffee County Agriculture. She is a 1997 graduate of Enterprise High School and a member of Alabama's Kappa Delta sorority. Chris won the Coffee County talent contest, with a vocal solo to "Memory" from Broadway's CATS. He is a 1998 honor graduate of Enterprise High School, and is the son of Dianne Jenkins and Michael Bottoms. Katherine and Chris will travel to Mobile in December to compete for Miss Alabama Agriculture and Alabama's Talent.

## Do You Want 750 Dollars

by STAN WINDHAM  
County Extension Agent

You might think that is a crazy question, but people who utilize controlled breeding seasons, market on the average, the equivalent of two more calves than people who do not. This has been proven time and time again, through extensive data collection and research.

The average 40-cow herd on a controlled breeding season in Alabama, year in and year out, market the equivalent of two more calves than the herd that is not on a controlled breeding season.

Therefore, if you sell two 600 LB calves and receive 60 cents a pound for them, that is an additional 720 dollars per 40 cows.

There is no question that the first major step in establishing profitable management in the brood cow herd, is to define a breeding and calving season.

There are four ways you can accomplish that. One way is to determine when the majority of cows in the herd will calve. You can do this by pregnancy-checking all females that are exposed to bulls and adjust your season according to when your cows naturally calve.

You can call those that are bred out of sync and move toward adjusting your season more to the time of year that you would like to have it.

Another way is to shorten the breeding season three to four weeks each year until your goal is reached. Generally it will take about three to four years to get to the breeding season length that you desire.

If you are in a hurry to establish your season here is still another way. Forty-five to 90 days after

removing the bull from the herd, pregnancy check all females. Then cull everything that is open. This is a moreish way and a quicker way to get to where you would like to be. But for many herds, it's the most practical way.

The one thing that through the years has probably worked the best is to shorten the breeding season over three to four weeks each year and evolve into a controlled breeding season. I would certainly involve preg checking into the mix of practices to get the herd in line with the schedule you want. If a veterinarian charges \$4.00 a head to pregnancy check and you have 100 cows, that is \$400. All they have to do is find two cows open and you have more than paid for their services. If they find none of them open, then you have the assurance that all your cows are settled.

If you are serious about producing a profitable cattle herd, it is extremely important that you consider a controlled breeding season. A good length of time to shoot for is 80 days with heifers bred 3 to 4 weeks ahead of the cattle herd. Heifers cycle back slower and need the extra time to recover. Cows bred over an 80-day period have a healthy four shots at becoming pregnant, given that their cycles are roughly 20 to 21 days. A cow in good body condition, in good general health, definitely should settle in this length of time. A profitable herd will require that you demand this of your cows.

If I can be of help along these lines, feel free to give me a call at 894-5596. I will be more than happy to help you out.

## Last chance to clean up your peanuts - Classic on peanuts

by Richard L. Petcher  
County Extension Agent

Classic is a valuable tool for peanut growers who need to control mid-to-late season Florida beggarweed. Of all the chemicals we are using, this is the one where it is most important to follow the labeling. Hopefully some of these reasons will help you to understand why. The following points should be considered before using Classic on peanuts.

1. Make only one application of Classic at the rate of 0.5 ounce of product per acre. Always add a non-ionic surfactant to the Classic spray mix at the rate of 1 qt. per 100 gallons.

2. Classic application can be made 60 to 100 days after peanut emergence to within 45 days of harvest. At 60 days under ideal environmental conditions peanuts should be taping. You want good vegetative growth before spraying. Classic gives a growth reduction. It turns the peanuts yellow and for 7-10 days there will be no flowers; so be sure you have some good vine growth before spraying.

3. If your peanuts are under drought stress you may want to hold up on spraying the Classic. When sprayed at the correct time, even though there are no flowers for 7-10 days, research has not shown Classic to affect the overall yield or grade of the peanuts. Under drought stress it is also hard to kill a beggarweed. Classic is a systemic, and unless the beggarweed is growing it won't take up much of the chemicals.

4. Good control of Florida beggarweed (less than 10 inches tall) can be expected. If beggarweeds are taller than 10 inches or if they are flowering, then only partial control or suppression will result. Classic will also control other small weeds such as sicklepod and cocklebur and help control morning glory and common ragweed.

5. Classic is now labeled for use on Southern Runner Peanuts but you need to be careful that your Southern Runners have pegged down good before spraying. You should wait at least 75-80 days after ground cracking.

6. Classic may be tank-mixed with Butoxone and Bravo formulations except sulfur-containing formulations. Combinations of Classic plus 2,4-DB result in significantly more foliar crop injury compared to only.

7. Classic is a slow kill herbicide. Expect 7-10 days before you start to see results.

8. Cloudy weather is not a problem on spraying Classic. Classic will also control other small weeds such as sicklepod and cocklebur and help control morning glory and common ragweed.

9. As a precaution do not apply Classic if anticipating a stress period such as a drought after spraying. Observing these points is very important. However, using Classic correctly can really give you the upper hand on Florida Beggarweed problems.

\*Alabama Cotton Field Expo - is being held today - Thursday Aug. 20, at the Tennessee Valley Substation in Belle Mina, near Huntsville, 7:30 am - 4 p.m.

\*Kinston Young Farmers - will meet at Ino Baptist Church Monday, Aug. 24, at 7 p.m.

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Elba City School system attendance is climbing

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# COMMUNITY

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missioners approved the installation of an air conditioning system in the Board of Registrars office. They also agreed to replace or repair the cooling system in the Community Room where the commission meets.

Engineer Tindell requested that bid requests be sent out on motorgrader blades. He also recommended that the commission approve an amended version of the preliminary plat on the Chateau Hills Subdivision. They honored both of Tindell's requests.

County Administrator Wilson Mobley recommended that commissioners approve the "running through" the county's payroll system of a part-time employee for the Juvenile Probation Office.

Mobley stated that this is strictly an accounting procedure and that the JPO would be invoiced for the employee's salary and taxes at the end of each pay period.

The administrator also asked that the commissioners give the chairman authority to enter into a lease agreement with the Pike County Commission for a vehicle to be used by the sheriff's deputy assigned to the 12th Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force. All the funding for the Drug Task Force is administered through the Pike County Commission. The 12th Judicial Circuit is made up of Coffee and Pike counties.

Commissioner Chairman Robert Stephens gave commissioners a bit of good news. He told them that the county had received a check for \$1,000 from the county's liability insurance carrier due to the fact that the County Highway Department had had an outstanding safety record for the year. Coffee County was one of thirteen out of sixty-six counties in

the state receiving this recognition. The final item of discussion was a request from the Enterprise Senior Citizen Center made to the commission by Commissioner Doug Dalrymple. He recommended in the form of a motion that the commission contribute \$2,500 toward the purchase of a bus for the center.

Commissioner Stephens offered an amendment to Dalrymple's motion that each senior citizens center in the county (Elba, New Hope, Kinston & Damascus) be given \$2,500.

"Many of them have made up their own money and bought these buses. I'm for helping them...I think we ought to treat all the senior citizens centers the same," commented Stephens.

After a brief discussion, the commission approved Dalrymple's original motion unanimously with Stephens' amendment failing to get a second.

Other actions of the commission consisted of the following: \*\*\*Approved a request by the Mt. Olive Assembly of God Church to initiate the necessary paperwork to the health department so that a cemetery can be started at the church.

Ed Short said phone numbers play a vital role in the success of the automated system. While Covington Electric Cooperative has a large percentage of accounts with phone numbers on file, there are some still missing.

"We encourage our consumers to make sure their accounts have a correct phone number on them. It makes the system work more effectively and efficiently," said Short.

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(l-r): Scott Adcock, Public Information Manager for AEMA; Lee Helms, Director of Alabama Emergency Management Agency; Horace H. Horn Jr., State Director of USDA Rural Development

## Emergency Management director is honored for his dedication and service to the citizens of Alabama

Lee Helms, Director of Alabama Emergency Management Agency, recently received one of the highest awards presented by the State Office of the United States Dept. of Agriculture's (USDA) Rural Development Office, according to an announcement by Gov. Fob James.

USDA's Rural Development State Director Horace Horn Jr. presented Helms the award at the annual convention of the Association of

County Commissions of Alabama.

Horn said the award is in recognition of Helms' exemplary dedication and outstanding service to the citizens of Alabama during natural disasters, and for his commitment to improving the quality of life in rural communities and towns.

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## Red Cross urges preparedness for hurricanes

With the peak of hurricane season approaching in the month of September, the American Red Cross urges preparedness throughout the Gulf Coast states.

"Of course, South Alabama would suffer the brunt of a hurricane's wind and rain, but other areas could be affected by spin-off tornadoes, strong wind, and heavy rainfall as well," said Eileen Lewis, Manager of Programs and Services for the Birmingham area chapter.

"The only defense we have for a hurricane is good preparation," said Mrs. Lewis. "We encourage Alabamians to think ahead and prepare their homes, businesses, and families for the possibility of a hurricane this year."

Some of the things the Red Cross suggests to prepare for a hurricane:

### •A Disaster Supplies Kit -

Include a battery-powered radio, flashlight, extra batteries, a first aid kit, canned food and can opener, bottled water (at least three gallons of water per day), prescription medications, and rainwear. Store food that doesn't require heating and any items you may need for infants, elderly or disabled family members.

### •A Family Communication Plan

Designate a friend or relative outside your town or area as your family contact in the event you are separated from family members during a hurricane or if it knocks out your electricity.

•If planning to be on the coast, be sure to have an evacuation plan -

Identify where you could go if told to evacuate. Red Cross evacuation shelters will be set up, and identification of these shelters posted on interstates. Choose a place for all family members to meet if you are separated. Designate someone outside the area in which you live to act as a point of contact for your family members.

•Remove dead or diseased branches and limbs now -

Now is the time to cut back and dispose of dead or diseased branches and limbs from trees and tall shrubs so they do not break off and become missiles during high winds. When a storm is approaching, it is too late to do this, because trash pickup services are often not available or are assigned to other storm-preparedness duties.

•Listen to local authorities and stay alert to broadcasts -

If local authorities ask you to leave, do so right away. You will need as much time as possible to evacuate, due to higher-than-usual traffic volumes. Listen to NOAA Weather Radio and local television broadcasts for the latest information about the storm.

•Know the meaning of Watch

### and Warning -

A hurricane watch means a hurricane is possible in the area. Keep listening to NOAA Weather Radio, local radio or local television for updated information. Hurricanes can change direction, speed, and gain strength very quickly. It's important to keep listening for updated information several times a day.

A hurricane warning means a hurricane will soon occur in the

evacuate the area, do so immediately.

•Volunteer in advance to receive training as a Red Cross disaster worker The Red Cross depends on trained volunteers to open evacuation shelters throughout the state, as well as to assess the damage and help survivors after the storm in affected areas. The local Red Cross chapter will provide simple training on the way to help others in need during a disaster situation.

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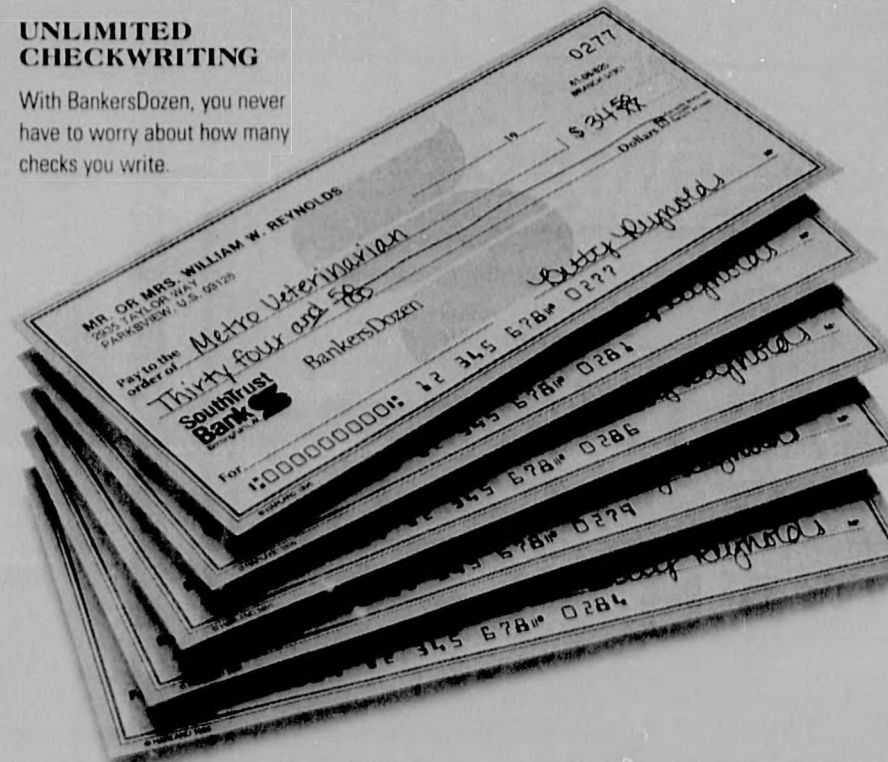
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